



St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our welcome and values breakfast on Wednesday morning. I hope that those who came enjoyed not only the bacon and sausage sandwiches, but learning more about our school values. We are looking forward to seeing parents and guardians of our children in Key Stage 2 at our next breakfast, next Wednesday at 8.25am. If you would like to attend but have not completed a letter, please ask for one at the school office so that we can make sure that there is enough breakfast for everyone.

You will also receive a separate letter today regarding the Open Day next week. Please complete and return the slip on the bottom if you would like to join us. The children and staff would love to welcome you into St Francis to see us all in action.

Mrs F Perkins
Principal

Values

Next week's value is **COURAGE**

At St Francis Primary Academy, we show **Courage when we...**

- ⇒ **Persevere and give it a go!**
- ⇒ **Show pride in ourselves and our work**

"A person cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore"

André Gide

These are taken from our school code. Over the next couple of weeks we will be exploring these in school:

- Doing the right thing
- Stepping out of your comfort zone
- Facing challenges and not giving up easily
- Overcoming problems
- Encouraging others

Parking



Please can we remind parents that parking in the school staff car park is not permitted at drop off or pick up times. We ask that parents park respectfully and considerately in the neighbouring streets and walk their child into school unless you need access to the disabled parking spaces when a permit should be sought from the school office. Please be courteous to our neighbours and do not park in designated disabled bays and private driveways.

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Medicines in School

At St Francis we have a policy on the provision of medicines in school. We are only able to administer medicines that are under prescription from the doctor. There is a form which should be completed this instance. Unfortunately Vicks (and similar) nasal inhalers and cough sweets are classed as medication and are not permitted in school.



Morning Drop Off

We would like to remind parents of children in Years R, 1, 2, & 3 that they should accompany their children outside the classrooms until the doors are opened in the morning to keep them safe.



Lost Property

Please, please can we ask again that all uniform is named and checked regularly. We have already got a growing collection of lost jumpers and cardigans that have no name or illegible names in them. If you are missing anything, please come and check at the office.

Payments

Thank you to the parents who have already paid for their after school clubs for this term. A reminder that clubs must be paid for by Monday otherwise your child will not be able to take part and the place may be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Please also remember that lunches, Breakfast Club and Twilight must be paid in advance or on the day. Services can be withdrawn where payment is not received. Don't forget that we can take payments in the office and online by card, cash or cheque.

Flu Vaccination Date

We have been advised by Boots that they will be coming in on Thursday 9th November to provide the Flu Vaccinations to children in Years R, 1, 2, 3 & 4 who have requested it. Today (Friday) is the closing date for the receipt of consent forms. Any slips received after Monday may not be included in this round of vaccinations.

Parent Evening Dates

Parents Evenings have been set for Tuesday 17th October 4pm-6.30pm and Thursday 19th October from 3pm-5.30pm. The booking system will open next week and you will receive a text with the login instructions.

Newsletter Email

If you do not receive this newsletter by email and would like to, please let the office know and we will add you to the mailing list.

Absence Notes

Please remember, if your child is off school due to illness or any other reason, you must telephone the office by 9am on the morning of the absence and send in a written note upon their return to school.